



Illinois Conservation Police Bi-Weekly Report



Vision Statement: As vigilant guardians we will protect the citizens and natural resources of Illinois.

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This report represents some events the OLE handled over the last couple of weeks;
however, it does not include all actions taken by the Office of Law Enforcement.

REGION 1 – Captain Laura Petreikis

District 1 – Sgt. T. Petreikis

(Counties: Carroll, Henry, JoDaviess, Lee, Mercer, Ogle, Rock Island, Stephenson & Whiteside)

CARROLL COUNTY

A dead eagle was reported in rural Carroll County and officers responded. With the efforts of a concerned citizen the eagle was recovered and transported to USFWS for examination. Officer Beltran found a second dead bald eagle near Lanark and was able to secure it as well. Both eagles were found just a few days apart. No signs of illegal activity were present.

CPO Jones cited two Iowa residents for landing paddle fish with gaff hooks with the assistance of Iowa DNR.

CPO Jones responded to two dead bald eagle calls, one in JoDaviess County and one in Carroll County.

HENRY COUNTY

CPO Posateri investigated a deer permit violation. The Alpha man was issued a citation for failure to tag deer immediately upon kill.

JO DAVIESS COUNTY

A dead bald eagle was discovered in rural Galena by a dairy farmer. CPO Beltran recovered the carcass to be turned over to USFWS for examination. No signs of illegal activity were present.

OGLE COUNTY

The warm weather brought thousands of visitors to White Pines State Park over the weekend. CPO Beltran patrolled for fishing and vehicle code violations. A Dixon man was warned for rapid acceleration and not wearing a seat belt.

The Rock River dam in Oregon has been a busy place for walleye fishing. CPO Beltran issued a warning for anglers not having their licenses in their possession.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

Conducting meat locker inspections, CPO Tony Petreikis arrested three subjects for illegal taking of two deer during the 2013 and 2014 deer seasons. One of the subjects was also cited for taking over the limit of antlered deer.

CPO Tony Petreikis arrested a Kansas resident for purchasing a resident Illinois fishing license. The subject advised that he was back visiting his family and had used an expired Illinois ID card to purchase the license.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

CPO Schoonhoven conducted a traffic stop for speeding. The driver of the vehicle was subsequently arrested for illegal transportation of an alcoholic beverage, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of cannabis (Class 4 felony), and several vehicle code related citations.

District 6 - Sgt. Hank Frazier (Counties: Boone, Bureau, DeKalb, LaSalle, Putnam & Winnebago)

BUREAU COUNTY

While checking Sauger fishermen pre-fishing for the Cabelas MWC tournament, CPO Wright found a subject who did not have a fishing license with him and did not have a valid registration for his boat. The subject was issued a citation and warning for the offenses.

DEKALB COUNTY

CPO Murry responded to a call in a business parking lot in DeKalb in regards to four dead Canada geese. Upon arrival CPO Murry retrieved the geese from DeKalb County Animal Control. It was learned that a male subject had purposely ran over the geese with a red pickup truck. Surveillance footage of the incident was obtained from Wal-Mart and the subject was identified by surveillance photos shown to a witness. While looking for the apartment where the suspect was living, an individual fitting the suspect's description was seen running from the rear of the residence. A red pickup truck was parked in the rear of the residence. The truck had its tool box removed (located behind a shed) and an identifiable advertisement taken off the tail gate. A small amount of feathers were also located on the undercarriage of the truck. The suspect in question had been hiding in the apartment and came out when he thought CPO Murry and Sgt Frazier had left. After seeing officers still at the residence, he came to talk to the officers. After initially denying being in the area of the incident, he admitted to hitting and killing the geese. Charges are pending with the DeKalb County State's Attorney.

LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Kaufman decided to check fishermen at LaSalle Lake on a beautiful spring day. When he arrived a fisherman informed him he had watched an individual ride his bike past him to the parking lot twice. Each time the individual appeared to have several fish in a bucket when going to the parking lot. When the individual would return from the parking lot the bucket was empty. While checking fishermen next to the parking lot CPO Kaufman observed an individual walking around with no fishing equipment. CPO Kaufman then saw an individual riding a bicycle with a bucket heading to the parking lot. As the bicycle got closer to the parking lot CPO Kaufman saw the individual with no fishing equipment on his cell phone, then he saw the bicycle rider talking on his cell phone. They both put their cell phones away, the bicycle rider turned his bike around and started fishing. CPO Kaufman proceeded to conduct compliance checks on boats coming off the water and bank fishermen. About an hour later while CPO Kaufman was checking a boat, the bicycle rider quit fishing and started riding back to the parking lot. As he got to the boat ramp, he stopped next to CPO Kaufman and showed him the fish in his bucket. The rider had a legal amount of striped bass in the bucket. As he headed to his vehicle CPO Kaufman completed the boat compliance check and decided to follow the bicycle rider. When CPO Kaufman walked up to the bicycle rider's vehicle he saw a blue cooler and another bucket in the trunk. The blue cooler was full of striped bass with several of them being over 17 inches. The bicycle rider had a total of 18 striped bass, 13 of them were over 17 inches, in the vehicle. At LaSalle Lake, each fisherman is allowed to keep 10 striped bass of which 3 may be over 17 inches. The bicycle rider was issued several citations and has a mandatory

court date. He was also evicted from LaSalle Lake property for 60 days for violating park rules.

CPO Kaufman continued to check fishermen for two more hours. During that period he issued citations for short walleye and short smallmouth bass.

CPO Kaufman handled a fall with injuries at Starved Rock State Park. An individual decided to go off the trails at Wildcat Canyon. He approached the top of the canyon's waterfall and tried to kick it free. When he kicked at the waterfall he lost his balance and fell approximately 70-90 feet to the bottom. The individual survived the fall with a broken arm, 2 possible broken legs, and internal injuries. The investigation is ongoing and charges are pending.

CPO Filipiak was on numerous foot patrols at Matthiessen State Park and Starved Rock State Park. Multiple individuals were arrested. A list of arrests follows: four individuals for drug paraphernalia and cannabis, nine individuals for possession of alcohol on the trail systems and three individuals for climbing the sides of the canyon walls.

CPO Filipiak was on a patrol at LaSalle Lake and observed multiple individuals fishing in a restricted area along the intake Area. Twelve citations were issued for fishing without permission in a restricted area.

CPO Filipiak received a complaint of multiple ATV's operating on private property; an individual was arrested and issued two citations for fleeing a police officer and operating an ATV on private property without permission. Two other individuals were issued one citation for operating an ATV on private property without permission.

CPO Jansen arrested four subjects in a restricted area of Illinois Canyon. CPO Jansen observed each of the subjects in possession of and smoking a cannabis cigarette. One jar containing cannabis and one cannabis cigarette were discovered. All four subjects were issued citations for possession of cannabis < 2.5 gms and entering a restricted area.

CPO Jansen discovered four juveniles in a restricted area of Starved Rock State Park. When he approached the subjects, he smelled the discernible odor of burnt cannabis. CPO Jansen observed one subject smoking the cannabis, but when he was spotted the subject flicked the cannabis cigarette into the woods. Another subject was found to have four baggies of cannabis in his possession. A third subject was in possession of an additional baggie of cannabis. Juvenile referral charges were issued for possession of cannabis < 2.5 gms and entering a restricted area. The fourth subject was issued a juvenile referral for entering a restricted area.

CPO Jansen discovered two subjects riding ATVs on Lone Star Mining property and Matthiessen State Park Property. Citations were issued for operation of an ATV on private property.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPOs Murry, Alt, Fraser, Frichtl, and Sgt. Frazier assisted in searching for a possible body in the Rock River. Side scan sonar was utilized along with dragging techniques.

While en route to Rock Cut State Park with a dead deer to have tested for CWD, CPO Fraser observed a vehicle swerving all over the roadway in Pecatonica. CPO Fraser initiated a traffic stop after following the vehicle for several blocks and observing the vehicle continue to swerve. After failing field sobriety tests and initially denying consuming any alcohol or drugs, the driver finally admitted to drinking two beers and a shot of whiskey in addition to taking two prescriptions Valium that morning. The driver was arrested for DUI and transported to the Winnebago County Jail. Additional DUI charges are pending the results of a urine test.

With the help of CPO Beltran, CPO Frichtl, CPO Alt, CPO Schoonhoven and DNR Wildlife biologists, CPO Fraser was able to make a case against a Winnebago County man suspected of illegally shooting a whitetail deer with a rifle. Extensive forensic and evidentiary tests were performed to prove the deer was taken with a rifle instead of a bow as the poacher claimed. After lying over and over, verbally and in writing, the poacher finally admitted to taking the deer with a rifle when confronted with the facts. The poacher was issued five citations including unlawful take with a rifle, unlawful

possession of illegally taken wildlife, and falsification of permit records. The man will have to stand trial in Winnebago County. The rifle used to take the deer was seized along with the antlers, cape, and what meat was left; all items are subject to forfeiture. More citations are pending a meeting with the poacher's accomplice in the unlawful harvest of the 7 point whitetail deer.

CPO Frichtl conducted several antlerless only deer administration investigations. During the course of these investigations it was discovered a man from Sarasota, FL failed to purchase an Illinois hunting license and habitat stamp. Additionally, a Wisconsin hunter failed to purchase an Illinois habitat stamp. Written warning was issued.

CPO Schoonhoven assisted the Sheriff's department with a personal injury accident.

Rockford Fire Department requested assistance from the department to search for a murder suspect who was believed to be the individual captured on surveillance video jumping off the Jefferson Street Bridge into the Rock River in early January. Utilizing side scan sonar CPOs Alt and Murry participated in a multi-day extensive search and drag operation to locate the body along with Sgt. Frazier, CPOs Frichtl and Fraser of the department, Rockford Fire Department Divers/Personnel, North Park Fire Department, Belvidere Fire Department, Loves Park Fire Department, Rockford Police, and Belvidere Police. To date, locating the body has been unsuccessful. Search is ongoing.

While in marked uniform patrol, checking shore fisherman along the Rock River, CPO Alt encountered a group of fishermen at Kent Creek. Two of the three fishermen were observed fishing without current fishing licenses, one of whom was found to be fishing on a revoked fishing privilege for failure to pay child support. A mandatory court summons was issued to the fisherman with the revoked privilege while the other was cited for fishing without a fishing license.

District 7, Sgt. Scott Avery

(Counties: Fulton, Henderson, Knox, Marshall, McDonough, Peoria, Stark, Tazewell, Warren & Woodford)

FULTON COUNTY

CPO Thompson patrolled the Spoon River Bottomlands for sport fishing activity near Bernadotte. Upon locating 6 individuals below a bridge fishing, a check was made. A pair of the young men was found to be fishing without a license. Written warnings were issued.

CPO Thompson received a complaint from staff at Double T State Fish & Wildlife Area referencing criminal damage. Upon arrival, CPO Thompson observed the scene where suspects had damaged a power meter and attempted to steal 10 feet of copper wire. They were unsuccessful in their endeavor but caused extensive damage to the power source to the area. Investigation is pending.

MARSHALL COUNTY

CPO Finn, Region 1 District 6, observed two men dumping trash from their truck into Sandy Creek just outside of Putnam County and the town of Henry. When approached the two men tried to say they were picking up trash instead of throwing it out. However, after a brief interview both men admitted to throwing trash into the creek. Both men received citations for pollution of a waterway and were released after picking up all the trash from the area.

PEORIA COUNTY

CPO Lazzell responded to a call of an injured Bald Eagle which had been removed from the water of the Illinois River near Pekin. Tug boat crew members at Artco Fleet Services witnessed the eagle struggling in the river with a broken wing and feared it would drown. The crew members rescued the injured eagle from the river and immediately notified Illinois Conservation Police of the incident. CPO Lazzell took possession of the eagle and had it transferred to a rehabilitator for treatment.

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO Van Zant cited a subject for being in possession of an over limit of catfish at a local cooling lake. The subject was issued four citations including one citation for cleaning/dressing a fish on waters of the state where there is a limit of that species.

CPO Gerard conducted a sport fishing enforcement detail focusing on Powerton Lake and the Illinois River. During the detail, approximately 30 fishermen were observed and checked for compliance. Four citations and five written warnings were issued.

REGION 2 – Captain Brett Scroggins

District 2 – Sgt. Rich Riedel **(Counties: Kane, Lake & McHenry)**

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Kelley issued written warnings to two individuals fishing in a posted, restricted area of the Stratton Lock and Dam. One of the individuals was also cited for fishing without a license.

CPO Winters issued a citation on Grass Lake for fishing without a license.

McHENRY

CPO Wagner arrested a subject for no fox waterway sticker.

CPO Wagner arrested a subject for expired driver's license and no insurance.

CPO Wagner issued eight written warnings for speeding, fishing license violations, and boat violations.

CPO Winters issued a written warning for fishing license not in possession.

District 3 – Sgt. Mark Simon **(Counties: Grundy, Kankakee, Kendall & Will)**

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Wollgast and CPO Vadbunker assisted in the search for a missing woman on the Kankakee River in the city of Kankakee using side scan sonar. The woman has been missing for several weeks after her car was found in the river.

WILL COUNTY

CPO Anderson worked sport fishing enforcement at Braidwood lake issuing three people citations for undersized largemouth bass and a written warning for a boat safety violation

CPO Mueller worked a fish enforcement detail with CPO Reid and arrested three subjects without sport fishing licenses and in possession of 86 catfish at Braidwood Lake.

CPO Mueller worked with CPO Reid on a landowner complaint. The landowner found a parked 4 wheeler on his property. The subjects were found and arrested for operating an ATV on private property without permission and shed hunting without permission.

CPO Reid patrolled several bodies of water on private property where trespass complaints exist. Multiple citations for fishing without permission were issued.

CPO Honiotes responded to a report of illegal trapping in northern Will County. Investigation revealed the suspect's residence to show signs of significant wildlife damage. The suspect was educated on the proper avenues to follow when dealing with nuisance wildlife issues and was issued a nuisance wildlife trapping permit. A stern verbal warning was issued for a previous self-admitted use of rat poison in an attempt to solve the nuisance issue.

CPO Honiotes responded to a report of a car window being shot out in the Des Plaines Conservation Area. Investigation is ongoing.

District 4 – Sgt. Bill Shannon **(Counties: Cook & DuPage)**

COOK

CPO Farber assisted a Region 1 CPO with an investigation that began in Jo Daviess County. After a short interview with an Elgin man and his wife the violations were discovered. The subject's wife was unable to recall what type of deer were taken with her permits during the 2013 and 2014 seasons. She was also unable to recall what type of device was used to harvest the deer. Her husband admitted to harvesting, tagging and checking in two 8 pt bucks during the 2013 and 2014 archery seasons using her permits. He was arrested for two counts of unlawful possession of whitetail deer. The subject was also issued written warnings for falsification of harvest records.

CPO Whitchurch continued an investigation into a personal injury snowmobile accident. CPO Whitchurch, with the assistance of Sgt. Shannon, contacted the person who was involved in the accident. This person did not wish to provide CPO Whitchurch or Sgt. Shannon with any information regarding the events of the accident. The person was cited for unlawfully operating a snowmobile on state property where prohibited. A written warning was also issued for entering and remaining in a state area after posted closing hours. The investigation is still ongoing.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol around a Cook County State Fish and Wildlife Area property when he observed a silver SUV being driven by a female subject. Inside the vehicle, CPO Whitchurch observed a small child moving freely around the interior of the vehicle while the vehicle was being operated. CPO Whitchurch then observed the small child standing in between the front driver's seat and front passenger seat in the vehicle. A stop was conducted on the vehicle. Upon making the stop, it was learned the small child was 3 years of age and was not secured in a child restraint while the vehicle was being driven. The child's mother was the driver of the vehicle. The driver could not provide valid proof of insurance for the vehicle. Citations were issued on scene and the driver was provided a mandatory Cook County Court date.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol when he observed a live animal trap stationed on the roof of a residence in southern Cook County. Upon a closer inspection of the trap, CPO Whitchurch observed the trap was active. After speaking with the homeowner and inquiring as to who set the trap, it was determined a licensed nuisance animal removal company was hired by the homeowner to rid the residential attic of nuisance raccoons. The homeowner could not tell CPO Whitchurch with assurance when the last time the trap was checked. CPO Whitchurch noticed the trap was not tagged, inscribed, or otherwise identified with the permittee's name and address which is required. Contact was made with the employee of the nuisance animal removal company who was responsible for setting the trap. CPO Whitchurch met this individual on scene who was licensed by the IDNR. The individual admitted to his wrongdoing with regards to not tagging his active trap. The subject was issued a citation.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol enforcing sport fishing regulations and was relocating to another portion of Lake Michigan when a vehicle passed his patrol vehicle at a high rate of speed. CPO Whitchurch clocked the individual driving 63 mph in a posted 30 mph area. The subject was then observed disobeying a red light in a busy intersection and therefore driving his vehicle in an unsafe manner. The subject was stopped for the violations and cited.

CPO Whitchurch received a court disposition on a subject who was charged with catching and possessing an over limit of yellow perch on Lake Michigan waters. The subject pleaded guilty and was ordered to pay \$244.00 in fines and costs.

CPO Whitchurch was enforcing sport fishing regulations at a southeast Cook County lake when he observed a male subject park a vehicle with out of state license plates. The subject got out of the vehicle carrying fishing gear and began to walk to the water's edge. The subject saw CPO Whitchurch in the area. The subject returned to his vehicle and did not actively engage in fishing activity. CPO Whitchurch left the area to check another portion of the lake. Upon CPO Whitchurch's return to the area, he observed the subject who drove the vehicle with out of state plates, actively engaged in fishing. CPO Whitchurch approached the subject and requested to see an Illinois Sport Fishing License. The subject informed CPO Whitchurch he did not have one. The subject was issued a citation for fishing without a valid nonresident sport fishing license.

CPO Whitchurch conducted a detail which consisted of checking boaters who were salmon and trout fishing on Lake Michigan. Numerous watercraft safety inspections were performed. A total of six written warnings were issued. Four written warnings were issued for watercraft equipment violations and two written warnings were issued for sport fishing violations.

CPO Mooi and CPO Klemme conducted an enforcement detail at Resurrection Cemetery in Bedford Park. Two citations were issued for unlawfully feeding deer.

CPO Mooi conducted patrols through some of the Chicago Park District lagoons. A man was issued a written warning for fishing in McKinley Park with no fishing license.

DUPAGE COUNTY

CPO Mooi conducted a patrol of the Burr Ridge Boat Launch on the Des Plaines River, an individual was pulling his boat onto the trailer when CPO Mooi approached. The individual tossed a colorful object into the water. When questioned, the individual stated that it was a glass pipe. A citation was issued for pollution of a waterway.

CPO Mooi attended court for multiple feeding violations in DuPage County, all of the individuals entered pleas of guilty.

CPO Mooi conducted an investigation into an Illegally take of Canada Goose. The individual posted a picture on Facebook depicting himself holding an air-rifle and a Canada Goose well after the legal hunting season for Canada Geese had ended. After a lengthy interview, the individual admitted to shooting the Canada Goose, on property owned by ComEd, with an air-rifle. The individual was arrested and issued seven citations.

LAKE

CPO Elliott was on patrol at Illinois Beach State Park when he observed a silver car illegally parked along the entrance road to the park. As CPO Elliott approached the vehicle, a deer was spotted next to the driver side door. The operator of the vehicle reached out through the window and tossed a piece of a green apple out to the deer. CPO Elliott addressed the violation of feeding deer to the subject and gave a brief description of CWD causes and effects on deer. A citation was issued.

CPO Elliott was on patrol in Lake County when he observed a boat with two fishermen on the water at a local public pond. A sport fish compliance check and a boat safety check resulted in the operator of the boat receiving a written warning for no battery cover.

CPO Elliott was on patrol at Illinois Beach State Park when he received a complaint from a subject regarding a person feeding deer out of a black Dodge truck. CPO Elliott located the truck and witnessed a subject on the passenger side throwing out bread to the nearby deer. CPO Elliott addressed the violation of feeding deer to the subject and gave a brief description of CWD causes and effects on deer. A citation was issued.

CPO Elliott conducted traffic enforcement at North Point Marina based on complaints regarding subjects running the stop sign in front of the office building. There were six traffic stops made, resulting in seven written warnings.

CPO Vaughan and CPO Elliott closed a wildlife case from the 2014 hunting season. One individual pleaded guilty to falsification/use tags of another and unlawful hunting without a valid hunting license. The individual was ordered to pay \$967.00 in fines and court costs. A second individual pleaded guilty to falsification of records and was ordered to pay \$511.00 in fines and court costs. Two antlered deer seized during the investigation were awarded to the Department of Natural Resources.

CPO Vaughan closed a wildlife case from the 2014 hunting season. The individual pleaded guilty to unlawful hunting without a valid deer permit and ordered to pay \$286.00 in fines in court costs.

While on patrol in Waukegan Harbor, CPO Vaughan arrested an individual for driving while license suspended, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of less than 2.5 grams cannabis.

REGION 3 – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

(Counties: Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie & Shelby)

CLARK COUNTY

CPO Moody spoke at a Hunter Safety Class in Clark County.

COLES COUNTY

CPOs Moody and Barnes cited a Mattoon man and woman for illegal transportation of open alcohol in rural Coles County. The two also received written warnings for littering and had the two pick up all of the trash that they had previously disposed of along the shoreline of Lake Paradise.

CPOs Moody and Barnes cited a Charleston man while checking fishermen along the Embarras River for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of less than 2.5 grams of cannabis.

CPOs Moody and Barnes cited two Mattoon men while checking fishermen at Lake Paradise for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of less than 2.5 grams of cannabis.

CPO Barnes cited a Charleston man for fishing without a license on Charleston Lake.

CPO Greuel attended a Hunter Safety Course in Coles County.

CPO Greuel attended a Trapper Education Course in Coles County.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CPO Barnes cited a Mattoon man for fishing without a license on Lake Mattoon.

CPO Moody cited two Casey men for fishing without permission in rural Cumberland County after the landowner found the men fishing his private farm pond.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

While patrolling the Wildlife Management Area in rural Moultrie County, CPO Moody cited a Sullivan man for disobeying a stop sign, driving while license suspended, and operation of a motor vehicle with no valid insurance. The Sullivan man was transported to the Moultrie County Jail. The man also received multiple written warnings.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Greuel cited a Mattoon man for unlawful transportation of open alcohol in Wolf Creek State Park after the individual stopped and backed up to talk to CPO Greuel while not wearing his seatbelt.

CPO Greuel cited a Windsor man for driving with an expired driver's license after approaching the vehicle at a local car wash after observing the individual driving on an expired drive away permit. Subject received a written warning for failure to display registration.

CPO Greuel approached three Decatur men fishing the Kaskaskia River at the Lake Shelbyville Spillway after observing two the subjects retrieving/netting a short musky. When approached, the subjects were walking the short fish to the parking lot above the river to measure the fish. CPO Greuel advised the subjects the musky was over a foot short and instructed them to immediately release the fish. Subjects received several written warnings.

CPO Greuel attended a Hunter Safety Course in Shelby County.

CPO Greuel attended and taught at a Firearms Instructor workshop at ISP Pawnee Range.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

(Counties: Champaign, DeWitt, Ford, Iroquois, Livingston, Macon, McLean, Piatt & Vermilion)

DEWITT COUNTY

CPO Schultz was checking fishermen below the Clinton Lake spillway when he noticed a pile of carp next to a group of fishermen with tear marks in their sides. A further investigation revealed the men had been snagging the carp. Enforcement action was taken and the men were educated on legal fishing in that area. One of the three men was found to be wanted on a warrant from McLean County, he was arrested and transported to DeWitt County Jail.

CPO Wright and Sgt. Williamson checked fishermen around Clinton Lake. Several violations were found including no fishing license, failure to release short fish and an expired boat registration. Proper enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Williamson was called at home about a truck that went into the water at the Westside ramp on Clinton Lake. Sgt. Williamson arrived and found out that the Urbana man was backing his boat into the water when he heard a thumping noise outside of his truck. He opened his door to look and make sure he did not hit anything, and slipped out of his seat. He fell onto the ramp and attempted to get back up but slipped on the ramp and went under the truck. He was able to pull himself from under the truck before it ran him over, but he was unable to stop his truck from going into the lake. Cornbelt Fire Department Dive team from Mahomet assisted in hooking up the truck for the tow company. After an attempt was made to pull the truck from the water it was found that the truck had gone off the end of the ramp and was lodged behind a very large boulder. The tow company called for a crane that was used to lift the truck over the boulder and then pulled from the water.

MCLEAN

CPO Matt Graden and Sgt. John Williamson responded to a call in rural Danvers [McLean County] in reference to an injured, adult, bald eagle in a farm field. The eagle was captured by officers and transported to the Illinois Raptor Center in Decatur for treatment. Initial assessments conducted by the raptor center suggested the eagle sustained injuries consistent with gunshot wounds. CPO Graden received word from the raptor center that the eagle died as a result of its injuries. Further forensic tests will be conducted to determine the exact cause of injury/death. An investigation into the matter is on-going.

PIATT COUNTY

CPOs Wright, Reeves and Sgt. Williamson assisted Piatt County Sheriff's Department with a suicidal subject whose last location was pinged on his cell phone in the Piatt County Unit of Weldon Springs State Park. The ISP plane was called and attempted to find the man using FLIR. The search was suspended because of weather. About two hours later the Champaign man went to a nearby house seeking shelter.

VERMILION COUNTY

CPO Schultz was on patrol at Georgetown reservoir when he noticed one truck parked a good distance away from all the other fishermen. A further investigation revealed the Georgetown man was watching people fish and enjoying the day by smoking cannabis. Enforcement action was taken and a pipe with cannabis was seized.

REGION 4 – Captain Jamie Maul

District 9 – Sgt. Mark Wagner

(Counties: Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Greene, Hancock, Jersey, Macoupin, Pike & Schuyler)

ADAMS COUNTY

CPO Mike Blazinic attended and taught the Basic Hunting Laws in an hour long presentation to a Hunter Safety Course in Quincy.

GREENE COUNTY

CPO Michael Goetten received a court disposition in Greene County. A subject pleaded guilty to DUI, hunting with the aid of a conveyance, and the unlawful take of a whitetail deer. His total fines and court costs were \$2059. He was assigned to 18 months probation, concurrent for each offense.

CPO Chris Gushleff attended and taught the Basic Hunting Laws in an hour long presentation to a Hunter Safety Course in Greenfield.

HANCOCK COUNTY

CPO Eric Wheatley located a LaHarpe man advertising deer hunts on the Internet as an outfitter. The subject was advertising how successful he had been over the last couple of years. The subject did not have an outfitter's license. After a short interview, it was learned he had already booked several hunts and had accepted down payments. The subject received citations for advertising without an outfitters license and false advertising.

JERSEY COUNTY

CPO Weishaupt stopped a timber truck in Jersey County. The driver did not have his proof of ownership. He didn't know how many logs were loaded or even where he got them except "out in the country." There were 31 logs of veneer quality on board. The timber buyer was called and was able to answer all pertinent questions. The load of logs was released after the driver had received a citation for no proof of ownership.

CPO Michael Goetten checked three fishermen on the Illinois River. None had a fishing license or identification. After obtaining their names and running their information, CPO Goetten noticed one of the subjects was 2 inches taller than the information provided on his driver's license inquiry. After interviewing all three individuals regarding the subject's true identity, the subject eventually admitted he obstructed his identity. The subject gave a friend's name under the belief the CPO was not a real police officer. He was arrested and transported to the Jersey County jail for obstructing a police officer and fishing without a license.

CPO Michael Goetten observed the driver of a truck throw something from the vehicle at Piasa Harbor. The driver was stopped as he left the area. The item discarded was determined to be a beer bottle. He was issued citations for illegal transportation of open alcohol and littering from a vehicle.

CPO Michael Goetten stopped a vehicle on Route 100 for driving 85 mph in a 55 mph zone. A 4 year old passenger was also not secured in a child restraint system. The driver was found to be wanted on an arrest warrant for obstructing identification. She was arrested and transported to Alton Police Department. She was additionally cited for speeding and failure to secure a child under the age of 8.

CPO Michael Goetten received a court disposition in Jersey County. The primary suspect pleaded guilty to falsification of records and two counts of archery deer hunting without permits. His total fines and court costs were \$3951. His hunting privileges were also suspended. The secondary suspect pleaded guilty to two counts of the unlawful take of whitetail deer. Her total fines and court costs were \$1066.

CPO Michael Goetten received a court disposition in Jersey County. A subject who was arrested for DUI pleaded guilty to an amended charge of reckless driving. His total fines and court costs were \$939.

CPO Michael Goetten received a court disposition in Jersey County. A subject arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of 2.5 to 10 grams of cannabis pleaded guilty to an amended charge of disorderly conduct. Her total fines and court costs were \$939. She additionally was sentenced to one year conditional discharge and five days of community service.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

CPO Chris Gushleff attended and taught the Basic Hunting Laws in an hour long presentation to a Hunter Safety Course in Carlinville.

CPO Chris Gushleff attended and taught the Basic Hunting Laws in an hour long presentation to a Hunter Safety Course at the Brittany Shooting Club.

SCHUYLER COUNTY

CPO James Blakeley attended and taught the Basic Hunting Laws in an hour long presentation to a Hunter Safety Course in Rushville.

SCOTT COUNTY

CPO Blakeley received a court disposition in Scott County. A subject pleaded guilty to the unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia and paid a total fine and court cost of \$1042.

District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone

(Counties: Cass, Christian, Logan, Mason, Morgan, Sangamon & Scott)

CASS COUNTY

CPO Bettis, Cochran and Sgt. Stone investigated an extensive fish kill in the Beardstown area. The incident affected a city pond, drainage ditch and the Beardstown Marina.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

CPO Swance was checking lake side fishing spots at Sangchris when a Pennsylvania license plate caught his eye. A check of fishermen found a fisherman with Pennsylvania driver's license and a resident fishing license. The subject had used his mother's address to purchase the license. The man stated he had moved back home and just had not changed over his plates yet. The subject was also in possession of four undersized crappie. A citation was issued.

CPO Swance taught a Hunter Safety Class in Taylorville. The class was attended by 40 students.

CPO Cochran attended a Hunter Safety Class at the Masonic Lodge in Assumption to teach Illinois hunting regulations.

While on routine boat patrol CPOs Cochran and Wichern cited several boaters and bank fishermen for various offenses at Sangchris Lake. Some of the violations discovered were people fishing with no fishing license, failing to immediately release short crappie and bass, and several boating violations.

MENARD COUNTY

CPO Bettis presented the Law Enforcement section of a Hunter Safety Class in Petersburg.

SANGAMON COUNTY

CPO Swance observed two men kayaking on Salt Creek west of Springfield. Inspection revealed neither had in their possession the required Type 4 PFD's. CPO Swance briefed the two on life jacket requirements and the added danger of cold water. Enforcement action was taken.

CPO Swance observed a man fishing on the IDOT pond in Springfield. Upon contact, the man stated he was just checking the water so he could bring his children out over the weekend. The man did not have a required sport fishing license. A check with ISP and POS (Point of Sale) revealed the fisherman's privileges and driver's license were suspended for failure to pay child support. Enforcement action was taken.

CPO Swance taught a Hunter Safety Class with over 150 students.

A Sangamon County resident pleaded guilty to several citations issued by CPO Swance. He was ordered to pay fines of over \$1000.00 , forfeit his archery tackle, and will lose his hunting privileges for 18 months.

SCOTT COUNTY

CPO Wichern attended a Hunter Safety class in Winchester where 36 young hunters successfully completed the course in order to obtain their first hunting license.

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker

(Counties: Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, Montgomery, Randolph, St. Clair & Washington)

CLINTON COUNTY

CPO Tapley attended the St. Louis Boat Show at the Edward Jones Dome where he answered many questions about hunting, fishing, and boating laws.

CPO Tapley reviewed harvest records for Eldon Hazlet State Park and found a hunter who had not reported a deer he had harvested. The hunter was issued a citation for failure to report deer harvest by 10:00 pm same day as kill.

While checking fishermen in Clinton County, CPO Tapley located a man who CPO Tapley had been looking for in reference to a deer investigation. After a brief interview, the man admitted to shooting a deer during the archery season and not checking it in. The man was issued a citation.

While patrolling Eldon Hazlet State Park, CPO Tapley ran the registration of a vehicle entering the park. The male registered owner showed he had a warrant for his arrest out of Clinton County. After stopping the man and arresting him on the warrant, it was learned there was a second warrant for the man's arrest out of St. Clair County. The man was taken to the Clinton County Jail.

CPO Tapley attended the Career Day for 8th grade students at Kaskaskia College. Students from various school districts were in attendance. CPO Tapley gave several short presentations to the students about the duties of a CPO, the hiring process, and each presentation was ended with a question and answer period. Approximately 120 students in total visited CPO Tapley's presentations.

MADISON COUNTY

CPO French conducted a traffic stop on a Cottage Hills man. It was discovered during the stop that the man's driver's license was suspended.

MONROE COUNTY

CPO Sievers received information about a feral hog that was killed because it was irritating the cattle in Monroe County. CPO Sievers went to the farm and took pictures of the hog. CPO Sievers educated the person who killed the hog about the laws pertaining to the hunting of hogs and the reporting requirements. CPO Sievers contacted Doug Dufford with the Wildlife Disease and Invasive Animals Program.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Sievers completed the computer base training for his LEADS Less Than Full Access certification.

CPO Sievers completed the computer base training for his annual HAZMAT certification.

CPO Sievers attended and completed a 16 hour Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Evaluation training by SILEC to detect drivers that are impaired by drugs. CPO Sievers will use this training during his boat patrol.

CPO Sievers attended the Upper Mississippi River Committee Conference in St. Charles Missouri.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Rolfingsmeier, while working sport fishermen at Baldwin Lake, observed a fisherman fishing from the bank with five fishing poles. The Lake is a two pole and line lake only. CPO Rolfingsmeier observed the fisherman for an extended

period of time and observed the fisherman use three of the poles to fish in the restricted area of the Lake. CPO Rolfingsmeier issued a citation for fishing with too many devices and a written warning for fishing in a restricted area.

CPO Sievers checked fishermen and boaters at Baldwin Lake. CPO Sievers wrote ten written warnings for boating violations.

CPO Charles patrolled Peabody River King State Area and ensured compliance of fishing regulations on the lakes. Contact was made with multiple fishermen and no enforcement action was necessary.

CPO Rolfingsmeier completed a deer investigation in St. Clair County on two hunters who were unlawfully taking deer with invalid deer permits. The two hunters took several deer over the years. CPO Rolfingsmeier conducted interviews on the hunters and they admitted to their wrongdoing. CPO Rolfingsmeier seized five deer from the hunters and issued five citations for unlawful take of whitetail deer and several written warnings.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

CPO Charles completed a boat registration inspection in Washington County

MADISON, MACOUPIN AND SANGAMON COUNTIES

CPO Schachner completed the disposition on a recently completed court case which involved four individuals in three different counties consisting of the unlawful take of deer/turkey without permits, hunting while revoked, baiting, and falsification charges by a nonresident. Total fines were nearly \$4000, plus an additional \$1363 in restitution to IDNR. Total combined loss of hunting privileges for three of the subjects was for 8 years and three months. In addition three deer racks were seized/destroyed plus 63 pounds of meat seized and donated to charity and two cameras and a deer stand were forfeited to IDNR.

REGION 5 – Captain Tim Daiber

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

(Counties: Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jefferson, Pope, Saline, White)

HAMILTON COUNTY

CPO Folden conducted a randomly assigned taxidermy inspection. During the inspection no violations were noted in regards to the inspection. However, names of nonresident hunters suspected of participating in illegal hunting activity while in Illinois during the 2014 deer season were recovered. The case is currently under investigation.

CPO Folden is currently investigating an outfitter who has been illegally conducting business for several years.

A case was completed on an Alabama on a resident killing two bucks with a bow in October and November of 2013. The outfitter was fined \$800.00 for unlawful take of a second antlered deer (contributed to unlawful activity by an Alabama resident). The Alabama hunter was fined \$5,000.00 for falsification of a deer permit by allowing his buddy to tag his second buck after he had "bucked out." Both deer were forfeited to IDNR Law Enforcement and will be mounted and displayed in the Hamilton County Courthouse.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPOs Diggins, Lay, Jourdan and Schoenhoff conducted several commercial fishing details on the north end of Rend Lake during the short season.

CPO Jourdan taught the law portion of two Hunter Safety Courses at Rend Lake Sporting Goods and Rend Lake College.

CPO Jourdan conducted three random taxidermy inspections.

An administrative investigation on firearm deer violations was conducted in Mt. Vernon. The man was issued a written warning for failure to tag a deer immediately upon kill.

POPE COUNTY

CPO Johnson conducted a commercial timber buyer's inspection.

SALINE COUNTY

CPO Diggins cited two Harrisburg men for no wearable PFD'S on a watercraft and issued each a warning for no fishing licenses and fishing without permission of landowner.

CPO Schoenhoff completed teaching the law portion of a Hunter Safety Class in Eldorado.

WABASH COUNTY

CPOs Williams, Schoenhoff and Folden assisted District 15 Officers in the search for a missing person after an overturned UTV was located in floodwaters. The area was searched with the Department's side scan sonar equipment and drag equipment.

Commercial fish enforcement detail (for objectives) Rend Lake (Jefferson and Franklin) - No enforcement

WHITE COUNTY

CPO Johnson received information on an Indiana subject who unlawfully took a 9 point deer during a 2013 hunting season. The subject was cited for hunting deer without a valid permit.

CPO Schoenhoff conducted a timber buyer inspection. The timber buyer did not have any violations. A second timber buyer inspection is underway.

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

(Counties: Clay, Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Lawrence, Marion, Richland, Wabash & Wayne)

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

CPO Smith conducted a Hunter Safety Education class at Effingham Sportsman Club. C PO Smith covered wildlife laws and firearm safety.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

CPO Dusty Taylor responded to a complaint from a landowner who located several treble hooks hanging from tree limbs on his property. A barred owl was found hanging from one of the hooks.

MARION COUNTY

CPO Smith conducted a Hunter Safety Education class at the Monsanto Seed Factory in Centralia. CPO Smith covered wildlife laws and firearm safety.

CPO Smith also worked Raccoon Lake and Centralia Lake enforcing boat and sport fish laws.

CPO Smith issued one written warning for inoperable fire extinguisher and two written warnings for fishing license not in possession.

CPO Smith issued one citation for fishing without a sport fish license.

WABASH COUNTY

A subject reported a missing person in southern Wabash County. The Sheriff's department located an UTV upside down on a road covered with flowing back water. Sgt. Hyatt and CPO Dusty Taylor responded to the scene with the Airboat and assisted with the search. Assistance was requested from CPOs Troy Williams, Marc Folden and Lisa Schoenhoff to bring a sonar unit. Indiana Conservation Officers Divers Lt. Duane Englert, Shane Cooper, and Paul Crockett conducted a search of the ditch near the overturned UTV on two separate occasions. After the flood waters receded the body of the missing person was recovered by searchers early on the morning of March 25, 2015.

District 16 – Sgt. K. Taylor

(Counties: Alexander, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pulaski, Union & Williamson)

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Mohrman investigated an anonymous tip that subjects were shooting songbirds and squirrels in Carbondale. The subjects were members of a local fraternity. The investigation revealed the complaint was unfounded and may have been called in by a rival fraternity.

CPO Mohrman has been assisting a Jackson County landowner who just purchased property with what was once a public lake on it. Numerous acts of vandalism to gates, fences, and no trespassing signs have occurred since this purchase. Apparently some persons are upset after being denied access to this property. CPO Mohrman and other District 16 CPOs will conduct extra patrols in this area to assist the landowner.

CPOs Boston, Lewis and Mohrman conducted an ATV detail on the new Burning Star property. Off-road vehicles have been witnessed running on this IDNR property as well as subjects sneaking in to fish on this closed area. Subjects were located fishing and off-roading with an ATV and citations were issued for unlawful operation of an ATV, fishing without permission, and over-limit of largemouth bass.

JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO Thompson came across two fishermen while patrolling in Johnson County. Neither had a fishing license; they said they simple hadn't bothered to buy one. Both were issued citations.

CPO Thompson was patrolling department lands when he observed a driver speeding 20 mph over the posted speed limit. When asked why they were going so fast over the limit, the driver replied that the gas pedal was stuck on the floor mat. The driver was issued a citation.

CPO Thompson came upon a car pulled off along the side of the road. When CPO Thompson approached to check on the driver, he noticed a strong odor of cannabis. The driver had just packed a pipe, preparing to smoke it when Thompson showed up. A search of the car revealed two more glass pipes, cannabis, a box of plastic baggies and a battery powered scale. The driver was charged with possession of cannabis and the state's attorney was contacted to determine if intent to sell or deliver will be pursued.

CPO Thompson investigated a complaint of vandalism at Heron Pond, part of the Cache River State Natural Area. Vandals had spray painted signs, latrines and trees at the parking area. No evidence was left behind.

MASSAC COUNTY

CPO Thompson responded to a report of a female subject who jumped off the I-24 bridge into the Ohio River. CPO

Thompson offered his assistance to the State of Kentucky officers who have jurisdiction over the incident due to the location of the incident being across the state line.

PERRY COUNTY

CPO Lewis located a subject fishing on an active mine property in Perry County. The fisherman was charged with fishing without permission at the request of the mine company.

CPO Lewis cited two hunters in Perry County for shooting snow geese from the highway. Apparently two different groups of subjects had the same idea to hunt snow geese from the road via their trucks and happened to meet up in the same area. One of the subjects used buckshot to shoot the geese. Further charges on additional subjects involved are pending.

UNION COUNTY

CPO Vasicek cited a subject for hunting white tailed deer without a valid permit during the 2014 season

CPO Vasicek did welfare checks on residents whose homes were surrounded by flood water after torrential rains in the lower Mississippi River bottoms.

Captain Daiber and CPO Vasicek attended a Law Enforcement meeting hosted by Union County States Attorney Tyler Edmonds.

UNION & ALEXANDER COUNTIES

CPO Vasicek responded to multiple recent mountain lion sightings in Union and Alexander Counties.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Lewis charged a Williamson County deer hunter for taking a six point buck without a valid permit. The hunter shot the deer with his bow in his back yard and purchased his permit after the kill.

CPO Boston arrived at a reported one car vehicle crash resulting in the car rolling over. CPO Boston checked the female driver and an ambulance was requested. CPO Boston stayed on scene and conducted traffic control until the woman was transported and the vehicle was removed by tow company. CPO Boston also reported the power lines that had been damaged with lines on the ground.

CPO Boston worked two small lakes in the Johnston City area. Three written warnings were issued and two others were sent to obtain fishing licenses before they started fishing.

CPO Boston interviewed a rural Marion subject (for another CPO in a different Region) regarding the legality of deer antlers offered for sale. The subject was hesitant to cooperate at first. He then later called CPO Boston and in the end the antlers were found to have been legally taken by relatives.